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Gestation Period



The period between the time an animal becomes pregnant and the time its baby is born is called the **gestation period**. The table below shows the number of days in the average gestation period for some animals.

1. For the gestation periods listed in the table ...

a. what is the maximum number of days?

_____ days

b. what is the minimum number of days?

_____ days

c. what is the range (the difference between the maximum and the minimum)?

_____ days

d. what is the median (middle) number of days?

_____ days

Average Gestation Period
(in days)

Animal	Number of Days
dog	61
giraffe	457
goat	151
human	266
Asian elephant	645
mouse	19
squirrel	44
rhinoceros	480
rabbit	31

Source: World Almanac

2. Which animals have an average gestation period that is longer than 1 year?

3. How much longer is the average gestation period for a goat than for a dog? _____ days

4. Which animal has an average gestation period that is about twice as long as a rabbit's? _____

5. Which animal has an average gestation period that is about half as long as a squirrel's? _____

Practice

6. $56 + 33 =$ _____

7. _____ $= 167 + 96$

8. _____ $= 78 - 32$

9. $271 - 89 =$ _____